

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A table saw comprising:
a support structure; and
a guard assembly for guarding a blade on said table saw, said guard assembly including a hood assembly ~~mounted to said support structure and~~ including a first side curtain, a second side curtain, and a quick release mechanism, said quick release mechanism coupled to said first and second side curtains and selectively engaged with said support structure to provide ~~for providing~~ selective engagement between said support structure and said entire hood assembly, said quick release mechanism including a locking member and a resilient biasing member, said locking member being displaceable between engaged and disengaged positions, said locking member coupling said guard assembly to said support structure when in said engaged position and said guard assembly being removable from said support structure when said locking member is in said disengaged position, said biasing member urging said locking member into engagement with said support structure.
2. (previously presented) The table saw of claim 1, wherein said support structure includes a riving knife.
3. (cancelled)

4. (previously presented) The table saw of claim 1, wherein said quick release mechanism includes a fixed tab and a push tab pivotally connected to a pivot pin, wherein said push tab includes a lock pin forming said locking member and said support structure includes an aperture for receiving said lock pin.

5. (previously presented) The table saw of claim 1, wherein said hood assembly further includes a locking mechanism adapted to selectively engage and secure said at least one of said first and second side curtains.

6. (previously presented) The table saw of claim 5, wherein said locking mechanism includes a screw and a wing nut.

7. (previously presented) The table saw of claim 1, wherein said first and second side curtains independently move in response to a force applied by a workpiece.

8. (previously presented) The table saw of claim 5, wherein said first and second side curtains are moveable in accordance with said engagement of said locking mechanism.

9. (cancelled)

10. (previously presented) The table saw of claim 1, wherein said first side curtain includes a first coupler, and said second side curtain includes a second coupler adapted to engage said first coupler thereby connecting said first and second side curtains.

11. (previously presented) The table saw of claim 10, wherein said first coupler includes a female snap-fit connector and said second coupler includes a male snap-fit connector adapted to selectively interconnect with the first coupler providing for codependent movement of said first and second side curtains.

12. (previously presented) The table saw of claim 1, wherein each of said first and second side curtains are independently removable from said hood assembly.

13. (currently amended) A table saw comprising:

a support structure; and

a guard assembly for guarding a blade on said table saw, said guard assembly including a hood assembly ~~connected to said support structure and~~ including a first side curtain, a second side curtain, and a quick release mechanism, said quick release mechanism coupled to said first and second side curtains and selectively engaged with said support structure to provide ~~for providing~~ selective engagement between said support structure and said entire hood assembly, said quick release mechanism including a locking member and a resilient biasing member, said locking member being displaceable between engaged and disengaged positions, said locking member coupling said guard assembly to said support structure when in said engaged position and said guard assembly being removable from said support structure when said locking member is in said disengaged position, said biasing member urging said locking member into engagement with said support structure, wherein each of said first and second side curtains are independently removable from said hood assembly.

14. (previously presented) The table saw of claim 13, wherein said support structure includes a riving knife.

15-19. (cancelled)

20. (previously presented) The table saw of claim 13, wherein each of said first and second side curtains are independently moveable relative to said support structure.

21. (cancelled)

22. (previously presented) A table saw comprising:

- a support structure;
- a guard assembly for guarding a blade on said table saw, said guard assembly including a hood assembly connected to said support structure and including a mounting member, a first side curtain and a second side curtain;
- said first and second side curtains each being independently connected to said mounting member;
- a first locking assembly for independently and selectively removing each of said first and second side curtains from said mounting member; and
- a second locking assembly for selectively removing said mounting member from said support structure, said second locking assembly including a quick release mechanism for providing selective engagement between said support structure and said entire hood assembly, said quick release mechanism including a locking member and a resilient biasing member, said locking member being displaceable between engaged and disengaged positions, said locking member coupling said guard assembly to said support structure when in said engaged position and said guard assembly being removable from said support structure when said locking member is in said disengaged position, said biasing member urging said locking member into engagement with said support structure.

23. (previously presented) The table saw of claim 22, wherein said support structure includes a riving knife.

24-43. (cancelled)

44. (previously presented) The table saw of claim 1, wherein said biasing member includes a spring.

45. (previously presented) The table saw of claim 13, wherein said biasing member includes a spring.

46. (previously presented) The table saw of claim 22, wherein said biasing member includes a spring.

47. (previously presented) The table saw of claim 1, wherein each of said first and second side curtains are independently movable relative to said support structure.